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May 8, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, BRYCELAND FIELD,
Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Davis et al. No. 3 Well as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS A RA SUN at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.
2. To find that an additional alternate unit well for HOSS A RA SUN is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the unit which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
3. To permit the Operator to produce the allowable assigned to HOSS A RA SUN from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

The Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of

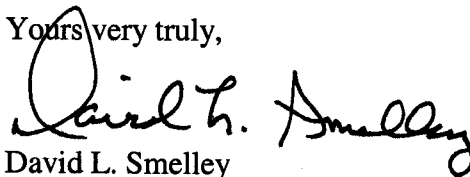
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Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bryceland Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encl.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encl.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

LION
OZLEY
PETROBRAS
OZLEY
10820
10750

HOSS A SU A
13

17N-6W

CROW MILTON
VERNON BRICE
7998

HOSS A
RA SU J

SOUTHERN NAT
ROGERS J
7991
24

EL PASO
(SONAT)
OZLEY
A-1
9600

HOSS A SU G

LION OIL
LAMAR
8000
18

17N-5W

MURPHY C H JR
PIPES G
8324

HOSS A RA SU M

EL PASO
(SONAT)
(SMITH)
PIPES
19-2
9627

EL PASO
(SONAT)
(INDCO)
PIPES G
19-1 ALT
9633

EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES
19-3
9900

MURPHY C H
BARTINGER F S
8405
17
MODN OPER.
(LIONG)
PIPES T
2
9462
8279 10218
TXO
(TEXAS O&G)
(BROYLES)
PIPES TP
1

EL PASO
(SONAT)
(INDCO)
1-ALT
8251

HOSS A RA SU N
20
PTD 11400
276' FWL
976' FWL
8425
3-ALT
DAVIS ET AL
DAVIS
PTD 11400
8425
8250
9800

SONAT
ELLA DAVIS
(SMITH)
DAVIS
2
8250
9800

EL PASO
(SONAT)
JORDAN J
20
9700

(BEAR CREEK)

EL PASO
(SONAT)
H JORDAN
2
8300
29

EL PASO
(SONAT)
JL JORDAN
1
9650

LEGEND

HOSSON A UNITS, APO 145-B
SERIES OF ORDERS

UNIT WELL
ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500'
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.



SONAT
STINSON PAUL
8305

HARVEY BROYLES
JOSEPH MURPHEY
8150

CAMTERRA
LA MIN
21-1
8200

HOSS

BR
BIE

PROPOS

LOUIS C

EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES
A-1
9700

SONAT
4 ALT

(BEAR CREEK)

CROW
JORDAN
30
8002

EL PASO
(SONAT)
JORDAN 3
9650

EL PASO
(SONAT)
CRAWLEY
1
9493

(BEAR CREEK)

EL PASO
(SONAT)
CULBERTSON
10400

EL PASO
(SONAT)
CRAWLEY
1
9600

32

UNIT WELL
ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500'
REMOVED FROM BASE

EL PASO
(SONAT)
A-1
9305

36

O'BRIEN
(BLACKBIRD)
WILLAMETTE CROW
CON CAN
1-ALT
9502 7827
10400

HOSS A SU I

MURPHY
HUNT
8205
25

O'BRIEN
(BLACKBIRD)
FUTCH
1
11400